

CHARTER
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE
UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES

1. Committee's Official Designation: The Committee shall be known as the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (hereafter referred to as "the Board").
2. Authority: The Secretary of Defense, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2113a, the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix), and 41 CFR § 102-3.50(a) established the Board.
3. Objectives and Scope of Activities: The Board shall assist the Secretary of Defense in an advisory capacity in carrying out the Secretary's responsibility to conduct the business of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (hereafter referred to as "the University"), as set out in (4) below.
4. Description of Duties: The Board shall provide advice and recommendations on academic and administrative matters critical to the full accreditation and successful operation of the University.

The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness may act upon the Board's advice and recommendations.

5. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports: The Board shall report to the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.
6. Support: The Department of Defense, through the University, shall provide support as deemed necessary for performance of the Board functions, and shall ensure compliance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 and the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b).

Additional information and assistance, as required, may be obtained from other DoD Components with contracting authority, support contractors, including DoD Federally Funded Research and Development Centers for studies and analysis support.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years: It is estimated that the annual operating costs, to include travel costs and meeting and contract support is approximately \$408,952.00. The estimated annual personnel costs to the Department of Defense are 2.0 full-time equivalents (FTE).

8. Designated Federal Officer: The Designated Federal Officer, pursuant to DoD policy, shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with established DoD policies and procedures.

In addition, the Designated Federal Officer is required to be in attendance at all meetings, however, in the absence of the Designated Federal Officer, the Alternate Designated Federal Officer shall attend the meeting.

9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings: The Board shall meet at the call of the Board's Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Chairman and the president of the University. The estimated number of meetings is four per year.
10. Duration: Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2113a, the need for this advisory function is on a continuing basis, however, it is subject to renewal every two years.
11. Termination: The Board shall terminate upon completion of its mission or two years from the date this charter is filed, whichever is sooner, unless the Secretary of Defense or designee extends it.
12. Membership and Designation: Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2113a(b), the Board is composed of no more than fifteen members which shall include:
 - a. Nine persons outstanding in the field of health care, higher education administration, or public policy shall be appointed from civilian life by the Secretary of Defense;
 - b. The Secretary of Defense, or his designee, who shall be an ex officio member;
 - c. The surgeons general of the Uniformed Services, who shall be ex officio members;
 - d. The President of the University, who shall be a non-voting ex officio member.

The terms of office for each member of the Board (other than ex officio members) shall be six years except that:

- a. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term; and
- b. Any member whose term of office has expired shall continue to serve until his successor is appointed.

One of the appointed members of the Board shall be designated as Chairman by the Secretary of Defense and shall be the presiding officer of the Board.

Board members that are not ex officio members shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense. Those members, who are not full-time or permanent part-time federal officers or employees, shall be appointed as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109, and serve as a special government employee. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2113a(c) and (e), these special government employees shall serve a term of service of six years and shall be entitled to receive compensation at a rate fixed by the Secretary of Defense, in addition to travel expenses and per diem while serving away from their place of residence.

13. Subcommittees: With DoD approval, the Board is authorized to establish subcommittees, as necessary and consistent with its mission and these subcommittees shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b), and other appropriate federal regulations.

Such subcommittees shall not work independently of the chartered Board, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Board for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Board, nor can they report directly to the Department of Defense or any Federal officers or employees who are not Board members.

Subcommittee members, who are not Board members, shall be appointed in the same manner as the Board members. Such individuals, if not full-time or part-time government employees, shall be appointed to serve as experts and consultants under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109, and serve as special government employees, whose appointments must be renewed by the Secretary of Defense on an annual basis.

14. Recordkeeping: The records of the Board and its subcommittees shall be handled according to section 2, General Record Schedule 26 and appropriate Department of Defense policies and procedures. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act of 1966 (5 U.S.C. § 552).

15. Filing Date: April 4, 2011